

Sunday 8th June . Indian students' bureau

87 West Cromwell Road London SW5

The purpose of the conference is to undertake some of the basic socialist rethinking of which we speak so much. In the field of home-affairs the development of the Welfare State since 1945 is one of the most vital subjects for such discussion. We need to relate our ideas as socialists to these developments.

In terms of party politics perhaps the most significant trend is that there is little to distinguish between the 'enlightened Tory' policies and those of the Labour Party in the matter of social services closely identified with the Welfare State. This raises one of the questions to which the conference will be directed to find an answer - ie is the Welfare State a step towards the establishment of a socialist commonwealth or merely a means to make capitalism work more efficiently? A study outline prepared by Robert Plant, NUJ Research Officer, will be supplied in advance to participants. It is intended to centre the discussion on three aspects - political, social & economic implications. The conference will be divided accordingly. We have arranged for authorities on these subjects to lead the discussion.

International Society for Socialist Studies/UK Section

study conference

socialism & the welfare state

First session 10.30 am. Second session 2 pm. Lunches are available on the premises.

Fee 3s/ tickets and working paper from K Dowson

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